

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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WPAT, USPTO, INSPEC: signal, oscillation, feedback, time, duration, frequency, phase, domain, measure, detect, change, convert and similar terms

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 6498858B2 (KATES), 24 December 2002 whole document	
A	US 6434246B1 (KATES et al), 13 August 2002 whole document	
A	Wang, R. and Harjani, R., "Acoustic Feedback Cancellation in Hearing Aids", in Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (Cat. No. 92CH3252-4), Minneapolis, USA, April 1993, pp137-140 whole document	
A	Wang, R. and Harjani, R., "Suppression of Acoustic Oscillations in Hearing Aids Using Minimum Phase Techniques", in Proceedings of the IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems, 1993, pp. 818-821 whole document	



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		US	6097824	US	6104822	US	6219427
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